LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Indian Express of 9th September, 1993 under the caption 'DDA free-hold plan mired in red-tape';

(b) whether it is a fact that because of administrative difficulties caused by the DDA officials not more than one per cent of the allottees of DDA flats/plots could so far get their free-hold conversion done; and

(c) if so, whether the conversion procedures is proposed to be stream-lined and made simple so that conversion applications are disposed of expeditously?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHELLA KAUL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. 12,690 applications out of 15993 applications received by the Delhi Development Authority upto 31st August, 1993 have been processed and disposed of. Thus the rate of disposal is 79 per cent.

(c) Applications for coversion are disposed of by the Delhi Development Authority by having special drive or even conducting Lok Adalats to expedite disposal.

Admission of Trainees in National Sugar Institute

*234. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of seats for trainees in different categories in the National Sugar Institute, Kanpur;

(b) whether Government are aware that the proper norms and procedure are not being adopted in the admission process;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of students have been admitted as trainees in the institute without facing admission test whereas those who have qualified test and wait listed are still being debarred from admission in the Institute;

(d) whether it is also fact that the Institute has been affected due to limitless admissions resulting in inadequate practical and other facilities to the students; and

(e) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to improve the situation and to adopt the prescribed norms and procedure in the admission process in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The number of seats in different courses is given in the statement (See below).

(b) Admissions through admission test/interview are being made by following the prescribed procedure and observing the norms laid down.

(c) An additional wing is under construction at the National Sugar Institute to accommodate a large number of trainees. Accordingly, it was felt that this ytar a larger number of students could be accommodated in each course The additional students have been taken from the nomination quota this year However, from next year, revised distribution of seats between the student to be taken through admission test/interview and those through nomination would bt stipulated.

(d) and (e) The additional wing under construction at the Institute would provide for larger lecture rooms, laboratories and drawing hall. That would enable the intake of an increased number of trainees. The additional wing would be functional in about 4-5 months' time.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Course	No. of seats to be filled by		
		Admission test/ Interview	Nomination	Total
1	Associateship of National Sugar Institute in Sugar Technology	55	12	67
2	Associateship of National Sugar Institute in Sugar Engineering	22	6	28
3	Diploma Course in Industrial Fermentation and Alcohol Technology	17	4	21
4	Certificate Course in Sugar Engineering	15	4	19
5	Certificate Course in Sugar Boiling	50	10	60
6	Pre-harvest Cane Maturity Survey	10	2	12

Privatisation of IISCO

*235. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been negotiating with various trade unions for enforcing its proposal to handover the Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited to some private parties; and

(b) if so, the details of terms and conditions entered into by Government with trade unions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government have not negotiated with the trade unions on the proposal to seek private participation in Indion Iron and Steel Company (IISCO). However, as part of a process of consultation on the proposal to enlist private participation, Government have been consulting leaders of the National Trade Unions, IISCO workers' union and also the officers' Association. It has been explained that Government, while seeking to enlist private participation in IISCO, have committed themselves to protect the interests of the employees. There will be no retrenchment. The management will be free to rationalise the manpower and retrain and redeploy them but based on the goodwill of the workforce. The terms and conditions of the continued employment of the employees will not be inferior to those they are currently entitled to.

Improvement in the functioning of farm Universities

*236. DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the existing farm universities in the country imparting agricultural education;

(b) what percentage of the annual expenditure of these universities is met by the Central Government;

(c) when and by which authority committee, the evalution of their performance, was done last;

(d) what are the salient features of the findings of the evaluation committee;

(e) whether Government are aware that the performance of farm universities in the country continue to be unsatisfactory and the standard of education has been falling; and